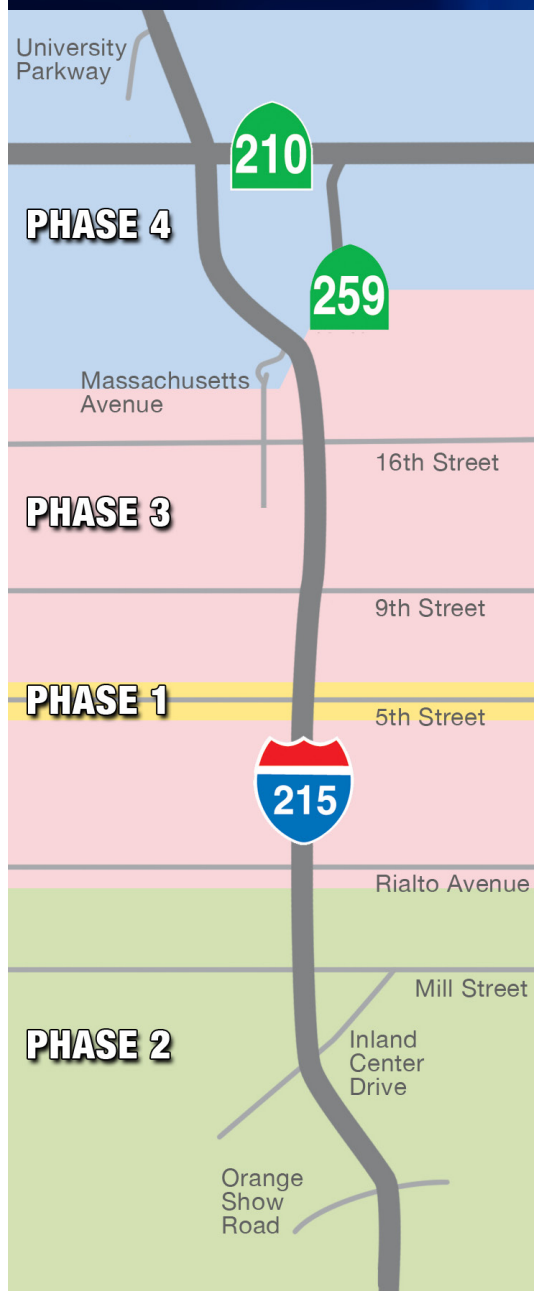




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Baseline and Highland Overpasses Expose New Look

Another major milestone has been met for the Baseline and Highland Avenue bridges. Following a series of nighttime full freeway closures in late September and early October, crews removed temporary bridge structures, or falsework, at both bridges to reveal the new overpasses.

During the next month, crews working on the Baseline Avenue bridge will continue forming the sections of road leading up to the bridge deck. Upon completion of current work, traffic will be shifted to the new half of the bridge as crews will demolish the old structures to begin construction on the second half of the new bridge.

Crews have also made significant progress on the 9th Street bridge. Following the first bridge deck pour that took place in late September, crews began strengthening the bridge structure during an operation called "stressing." Once complete, crews will begin removing temporary bridge structures from the 9th Street overpass.

Finally, toward the north end of the project, motorists traveling through the area can easily see the construction progress of the new 27th Street bridge as the structure continues to take shape.

The new and improved 27th Street bridge continues to take form as crews work hard to complete the bridge.



Long Term and Permanent Closures



As construction continues on I-215, please note the following closures:

Northbound I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp – Closed permanently starting October 10, 2010. New northbound off-ramp configuration directly on to 5th Street bridge expected to open Early 2012.

Southbound I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp – Closed starting June 21, 2010 while crews construct the new ramps that connect directly to the 5th Street bridge. New ramps are expected to open Spring 2011.

4th Street On-Ramps – Eliminated and will be replaced with ramps directly on the 5th Street bridge.

9th Street Bridge – Closed to drivers and pedestrians until late 2010.

Southbound I-215 Baseline Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed until the new ramps are constructed in Fall 2013.

Northbound Highland Avenue Off-Ramp – Closed permanently and reconfigured with access to Highland Avenue via a collector road.

Northbound Highland Avenue On-Ramp – Closed long-term while crews construct the collector road.

27th Street/Mt. Vernon Avenue Southbound On-Ramp and Northbound Off-Ramp – Closed starting April 2 for approximately two years when new bridge is complete.

Southbound I-215 to Eastbound SR-210 Connector – Closed until Mid-Fall 2010.

I-215 Safety – Rainy Season Arrives Early

The early October rains kicked off the rainy season a little early this year in Southern California. Now is as good as any time for a few tips on having your car ready for rain and techniques for driving in it.

Tires – Inspect your tires regularly to make sure the tread depth and tire pressure are within safe operating levels.

Windshield Wipers – Don't wait until a rain deluge hits before realizing you can't see clearly through the windshield. Check out your wipers to make sure they are not brittle and that they are in good working condition doing the job to keep your windshield clear.

Brakes – As the roads become slicker with the rain and stopping distances increase, have your brakes in top working condition. If you have been holding off servicing your brakes during the summer, now is a good time to take care of them.

Driving – Motorists must be mindful of the first rains after a long dry spell as oil and other vehicle fluid build-ups rise to the surface of a road and cause slippery conditions. Driving at a slower pace and allotting for more time to travel are good habits. Last but not least, brake earlier and with less force so you can have more distance between you and the vehicle or object in front of you, as well as better control of the vehicle.

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www.IE511.org



Northbound I-215 5th Street Off-Ramp to Close Permanently October 10

On Sunday, October 10 at 10 p.m., construction crews will permanently close the existing northbound I-215 5th Street off-ramp to allow crews the space necessary to finish constructing the new northbound 5th Street on-ramp, which is scheduled to open in early 2011.

The new northbound I-215 5th Street on- and off-ramp configuration will allow motorists to enter and exit the freeway directly on the 5th Street bridge. The new 5th Street off-ramp is scheduled to open in early 2012.



Crews continue work on the new northbound I-215 5th Street on-ramp.

As a detour, drivers can exit northbound I-215 at 2nd Street, turn right, turn left at G Street, and travel north. Improvements were made in and around the 2nd Street northbound off-ramp ahead of the 5th Street closure.

Local Businesses Open During Construction

Achamak Gas & Market - 605 N. H Street
(909) 885-7501

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day

Achamak is a full-service market and gas station. Achamak provides a wide array of goods ranging from gasoline to beverages to food.

San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce - 546 West 6th Street
(909) 885-7515

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday,
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting Economic Development in the Inland Empire. The SBACC offers a variety of services to its members to help promote their local business.

Econo Lodge - 450 North G Street
(909) 885-0055

Hours of Operation: 24 Hours a Day

Econo Lodge delivers an affordable and convenient place to stay. Enjoy lots of amenities free of charge including wireless Internet hotspots, a USA Today newspaper on weekdays, and a premium movie channel.

Arrowhead United Way - 646 North D Street
(909) 884-9441

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arrowhead United Way is a volunteer-driven organization that actively supports health and human services by focusing on youth services, family services, and basic needs.



The I-215 Widening Project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.

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